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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Report on the working of Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State during the calendar year 1924.

READ—

The report on the working of Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State for the calendar year 1924, received from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, with his letter No. 333, dated the 8th June 1925.

ORDER No. L. 1738 90—Med. 100 24-6, DATED 7TH SEPTEMBER 1925.

Recorded.

2. There was a delay of over a month in the submission of the report. Such delays should be avoided in future.

3. Dr. H. B. Mylvaganam, F.R.C.S. (England), was in charge of the Department till the 1st September 1924, when he was appointed the Principal of the Mysore Medical College. Mr. B. Mahomed Usmon, L.M. & S., succeeded him as the Senior Surgeon.

4. Two new dispensaries, one at Hura in the Nanjangud Taluk and the other at Bharamasagara in the Chitaldrug Taluk were opened during the year; Mr. Kent's Dispensary at Hirebyle was closed and the Female Dispensaries in the District headquarters of Kolar, Tumkur, Hassan, Kader, Shimoga and Chitaldrug, which were hitherto shown as separate institutions were combined with the District Hospitals at these places, and their statistics are now combined, instead of being shown separately. The total number of medical institutions working at the close of the year was therefore 195 as against 200 in the previous year.

5. The total number of patients treated in the State, Local Fund, Municipal and Private Aided Institutions was 2,174,171 against 2,013,086 in the previous year, of whom 23,403 were in-patients against 22,385 in the previous year. These figures show an increase of 161,085 out patients and 1,018 in-patients. Of the in-patients treated, 14,525 were cured, 4,859 relieved, 2,091 discharged otherwise and 1,409 died. The percentage of deaths to total admissions was 6.02 against 5.45 in the previous year. The daily average of the patients was 595.86 against 777.06 during the previous year. The number of out-patients treated was 2,150,768 against 1,990,701 in 1923. The largest number of out-patients treated was for malaria, viz., 490,868, the next largest number being 236,692

under all other diseases of the digestive system. The number of patients on whom surgical operations were performed and the number of operations performed were 43,720 and 44,073 against 38,438 and 38,725 in 1923, respectively. The total number of both the in-door and the out-door patients treated in Departmental and Railway Dispensaries was 94,641 against 75,619 in 1923 and in private non-aided institutions 65,726 were treated against 54,261 in 1923. Surgical operations were performed in 1,717 cases against 1,528 in the former class of institutions and in the latter in 1,939 cases against 2,690 in 1923. The work in the Victoria Hospital was somewhat below the level of the previous year in the number of in-patients, viz., 3,907 against 4,007 and out-patients, viz., 46,469 against 52,567. The number of operations and dental cases was however more. In the Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore, as also in the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, there was a slight increase in in-patients and out-patients. In the latter Hospital, out of 1,433 operations 1,429 or 99 per cent were successful which is satisfactory. In the Maternity Hospital, Bangalore, the number of patients was in excess of previous year, while the labour cases were fewer. In the Vaid Vilas Hospital, Mysore, there was an increase under all heads.

6. The number of midwives that were working during the year was 156, the same as in the previous year and the number of cases attended to by them was 12,524 against 11,644 in the previous year. The average number of cases attended to by each midwife was 80 against 75 during the last year. The number of cases attended to by each midwife per year is small. The number is likely to increase if midwives pay greater attention to their work. As stated by the Senior Surgeon there is considerable scope for improvement in this direction. It is understood that necessary steps are being taken in this matter.

7. *The Princess Krishnarajammanni Sanatorium, Mysore.*—The total number of in-patients and out-patients treated in the institution, was 140 and 958 respectively and their daily average was 2'61 and 2'58 respectively. Arrangements are being made to increase the number of beds in this Institution. There is need also for more accommodation for attendants. It is hoped that this institution will receive support from philanthropists.

8. *Leprosy Asylum.*—The number of patients treated in the institution was 76, including 14 belonging to the Civil and Military Station against 72 in the previous year. Of these, 46 were discharged, 0 died and 22 remained in the Asylum at the close of the year. Dr. Muir's special treatment for leprosy, viz., injections of Ethal Ester of Hydro Corpus Wightiana Oil with Creosote and Camphor, was administered to the patients during the year. The total cost of the up-keep of the Asylum amounted to Rs. 8,648 against Rs. 8,536-0-4 in 1923 and the cost recovered from the Civil and Military Station was Rs. 1,132-11-1, against Rs. 1,423-2-9 in the previous year. The average cost per head per diem was Re. 0-10-1 against Re. 0-10-0 in the previous year.

9. *Lunatic Asylum.*—The number of lunatics treated in the Asylum during the year was 302 against 274 in 1923. Of these 62 were cured, 42 discharged otherwise and 44 died, leaving 154 under treatment at the close of the year. There were 50 cases of dysentery and diarrhoea, of which 10 proved fatal. Of the total number treated, 80 were from the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore. The expenditure of the Asylum was Rs. 57,205 including Rs. 11,406 the cost of the lunatics of the Civil and Military Station against Rs. 54,781 (including Rs. 11,904, the cost of the lunatics of the Civil and Military Station) in 1923.

The official visitors of the Civil and Military Station and of the Mysore State, visited the Asylum 12 times and their suggestions were attended to as far as possible. The Senior Surgeon made a detailed inspection of the Asylum in September 1924. The treatment adopted was on the same lines as during the previous year, viz., medical treatment, and in addition, rest in bed, special diet, prolonged warm baths, etc., according to the nature of each case; and they were also given occupations, such as, weaving, needle-work, gardening, helping in the kitchen, etc. Patients were given special meals periodically and entertainments such as music and *Harikatha* performances were also undertaken.

Fifty-one private patients were treated and a sum of Rs. 4,417-5-10 was recovered from their relatives. The Senior Surgeon brings to notice the desirability of having an out-patient department of the Institution, and special wards for private paying patients. He should submit detailed proposals in the matter for the consideration of Government as already instructed in Government Order No. L. 5185-7—Med. 16-24-26, dated the 21st January 1925.

10. *Medical Stores.*—The total amount spent on the purchases made by the Stores was Rs. 1,43,017 against Rs. 1,77,024 in 1923. The supplies made to other departments amounted to Rs. 26,571 against Rs. 13,249 in the previous year, of which, Rs. 22,783 was adjusted during the year. Early steps should be taken for the adjustment of the balance.

11. *Epidemic Diseases Hospitals.*—The total number of patients admitted into the Epidemic Diseases Hospitals at Bangalore, Mysore and Kolar Gold Fields was 1,037, of whom 575 were cured, 169 discharged otherwise and 233 died.

12. *Unani Danakhanas and Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas.*—The total number of patients treated in the several Unani and Ayurvedic and Medical Institutions in the State during the year was 705,597 against 704,449 in the previous year. Government sanctioned the opening of a combined Ayurvedic and Unani Dispensary at Shimoga during the year in connection with the scheme of opening such dispensaries at District Headquarters.

13. *Income and expenditure.*—The total expenditure incurred was Rs. 10,45,545 as particularised below:—

	1923	1924
	Rs.	Rs.
Salaries	6,26,810	6,04,657
Medicines	1,22,840	1,21,988
Diet	1,09,283	1,23,561
Miscellaneous charges	1,17,984	1,07,701
Buildings and repairs	21,111	17,845
Investment	54,275	39,993

This was met from (1) State Grant of Rs. 8,02,742, (2) contributions from District and Municipal Funds amounting to Rs. 2,02,810 and miscellaneous items amounting to Rs. 39,993, being mostly the fees recovered from private patients.

14. All the Medical Institutions in the State, except four in the Kadur District, were inspected by the District Medical Officers concerned, and 7 institutions were inspected by the Senior Surgeon. Steps should be taken to have all the institutions inspected at least once a year.

15. The administration of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

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Local and Legislative Departments.

Boards of Visitors.

READ—

Letter No. G. C. 385, dated the 17—18th June 1925, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, submitting proposals for the appointment of Boards of Visitors to the Victoria and the Minto Ophthalmic Hospitals at Bangalore and to the Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore, and suggesting the functions that may be assigned to these Boards.

2. Letter No. G. C. 385-8, dated the 21st July 1925, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, suggesting certain modifications in the personnel of the Boards in question, for reasons given.

ORDER No. L. 1800-801—MED. 82-24-8, DATED 7TH SEPTEMBER 1925.

A scheme for the appointment of Boards of Visitors to important Hospitals in the State has been engaging the attention of Government for some time and the Senior Surgeon was accordingly requested to submit proposals for the appointment of such Boards for the two important Hospitals, *viz.*, Victoria and Minto Ophthalmic Hospitals at Bangalore and the Krishnarajendra Hospital at Mysore to begin with. Meantime, in connection with the motion brought forward by Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan and four other members of the Legislative Council, at the last meeting of the said Council, for reducing the expenditure under "21 Medical," in the State budget for 1925-26, the desirability of appointing such a Board for the Victoria and Krishnarajendra Hospitals was also suggested. The members were informed that the matter was already under consideration.

Government have now considered the proposals submitted by the Senior Surgeon and are pleased to approve of the constitution of the Boards as finally recommended by him for the three Institutions in question as noted below:—

1. FOR THE VICTORIA AND THE MINTO OPHTHALMIC HOSPITALS, BANGALORE.

- (1) Rajasabhabhusana Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty, K.T., C.I.E. (Convener).
- (2) Mr. B. Abdur Rahman, B.A., President, District Board, Bangalore.
- (3) " G. Paramasivaia, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Bangalore.
- (4) " B. K. Garudachar, Bangalore.
- (5) The President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore (*Ex-officio*).

2. FOR THE KRISHNARAJENDRA HOSPITAL, MYSORE.

- (1) Lokahitajshi H. Nanjundaraj Urs, Mysore (Convener).
- (2) Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaia, Mysore.
- (3) " Aga Mahomed Abbas Shustiy, Assistant Professor, Maharaja's College, Mysore.
- (4) " H. C. Desappa, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Mysore.
- (5) The President, City Municipal Council, Mysore (*Ex-officio*).